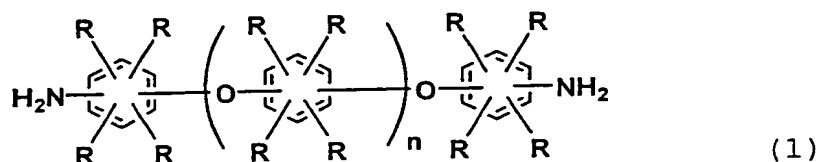


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

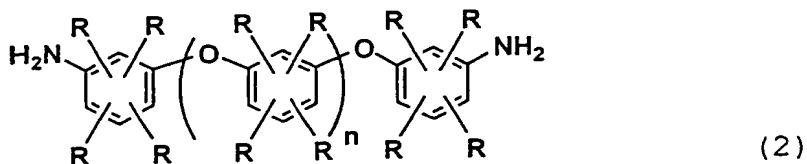
1. (Original) An aromatic diamine compound represented by the formula (1):



wherein n is an integer of 3 to 7, each R is independently an atom or a group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom and a hydrocarbon group, the same or different two hetero atoms selected from nitrogen atoms and oxygen atoms bonded to each benzene ring are at the ortho- or meta-positions to each other on at least one benzene ring, and when n is 3, the hetero atoms are at the ortho- or meta-positions to each other on all the benzene rings.

2. (Original) The aromatic diamine compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R in the formula (1) is a hydrogen atom.

3. (Original) The aromatic diamine compound as claimed in claim 1, which is represented by the formula (2):



wherein R and n are as defined in the formula (1).

4.-8. (Canceled)